ः लिए उनसे प्राप्त विशिष्ट प्रस्तावों, उनके गुण-दोषों एवं पारस्परिक प्राथमिकताओं के आधार पर वित्तीय सहायता उपलब्ध कराता है। गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान केन्द्रीय पर्यटन विभाग द्वारा पंजाब सरकार को स्वीकृत की गई राशि नीचे दिए गए अनुसार थी :—

वर्ष	रु० लाखों में
1991-92	31.25
1992-93	135.83
1993-94	199.11

(2) पंजाब के प्रचार और संवर्धन पर अधिक जोर दिया गया है। विभाग ने नवीनतम ब्रोशरों "एनचांटिड सरकिट्स" और "लिटल नोन टरियरस" में पंजाब के गन्तव्य स्थलों को शामिल किया गया है।

(3) पंजाब को पर्यटन विभाग द्वारा घोषित दो धार्मिक तीर्थ परिपथों अर्थात् सिख-हिन्दू परिपथ और निजामुद्दीन-अजमेर सरहिन्द परिपथ में शामिल कर दिया गया है।

Air Services from Gaya in Bihar

1348, SHRI NARESH YADAV; Will lie Minister of CIVIL AVIATION iND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large umber of foreign tourists visit Gaya ı Bihar;

(b) whether it is also a fact that iere is a major airport at Gaya; and

(c) if so, whether Government are □opiating over the ex-of Gaya Airport and to intro. rvice from there with a ■ '-am foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI OHU-,AM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Gaya has an airport which can ^commodate AVRO type aimrai

re is no proposal at present or (he expansion of Gaya airport.

Aerodrome and air strips in Himachal Pradesh

1349. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHAR-,MA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVI. ATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number and location of aerodrome and air strips in Himachal Pradesh aa on date alongwith their service conditions;

(b) whether it is a fact that the resource crunch has held up the mo. dernisation and construction of aero dromes and air strips in that State;

(c) whether it is also a fact that tourists visiting[1] Himachal Pradesh have complained of lack of infrastructure and high transport charges and also of water scarcity; and

(d) if so, what steps are being con. templated to meet such situations?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHU. LAM NABI AZAD): (a) National Airports Authority (NAA) has 3 airports in Himachal Pradesh located at Gag-gal, Bhuntar and Shimla. All these airports are operational.

(b) No, Sir. Development of air ports and other infrastructura! facili ties is a continuing process and is taken up in a phased manner, depen ding upon projected requirements and availability of resources.

NAA has undertaken development. al works at Gaggal. Due to difficult ,, at Shimla and Bhuntar, it has not been found feasible to upgrade these airports.

(c) and (d) Improving of tourists facilities is primarily the responsibi lity of the concerned State Govern ment.

Better treatment by foreign airlines

1350. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHAR. MA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVI-

ATION ANO TOURISM be pleased to ttate:

(a) Whether Government's attention h&a been drawn to a write "P in Tribune, dated 29th August, 1994 to the effect that foreign airlines get better treatment at the qost of national air. lines; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Govern ment thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHU. LAM NABI AZAD). (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The allegations were investigated and it was observed that the Air Traffic Control is following the defined procedurts for allotment of flight levels to aircraft as well as for issue of clearance for landing and take off from airports.

Incident in lA Airbus IC-939

1351. SHRI K.. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was some inci dent of panic and commotion in Indian Airlines Airbus No. IC-939 from Hyderabad to Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the incident occurred nearly an hour after the delayed take-off of the plane;

(d) if so, the reasons for not en suring proper technical functioning *OL* the aircraft during delayed take-off period;

(el whether Government propose to take some action to check such incidents in future; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ond if not, th$_e$ reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Indian Airlines Airbus A-320 aircraft VT-EFT, operating flight IC-939 of 21.11.94 from Hyderabad to Delhi was involved in an incident of smoke warning in rear cargo Compartment signal coming! "on" during flight. Actual smoke was reported by the cabin crew in the rear cabin. Neces sary action was carried out by the pilot, and the warning disappeared after ten minutes.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Prior to the departure of the aircraft from Hyderabad, there was a delay of 25 minutes to rectify a snag in the hydraulic system of the aircraft. The aircraft was checked and certified airworhty before depar ture. This snag had no connection with the snag which occurred in the flight.

Ce) and (f) The incident is under investigation. Action will be taken the recommendations emanating from the investigation report.

Opening of tourist offices abroad

*1352. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BA~ RIK: Will {he Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleases to state:

(a) the number of tourist office's opcred abroad;

(h) the main objectives Of opening tourist offices in those countries; and

(c) the details of tourist officers and other staff working in those offices?

THE JVUNISTER O*[1] CIVIL AVIA-?' ON AND TOURISM (SHRT GHU-AZAD): (a) and (b) At iresent there arc eighteen Govt. of India TounV Offices functioning nbropd whose main objective is to promote India as an attractive tourist destination through extensive publi- i citv and promotional compaigns, or-